



DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES
Telecommunications Division

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To Interested Vendors, Present and Future CALNET Customers:

We appreciate your interest in the Request for Information (RFI) for replacement of the current California Integrated Information Network (CALNET) Master Service Agreement (MSA), CNT-001. This RFI, the future Request For Proposal (RFP), and the award process will be known as CALNET II to differentiate it from the existing CALNET MSA. We expect the new CALNET II MSA to continue to provide excellent, cost effective telecommunications products and services to both state and local government (tax supported or joint power) agencies.

The CALNET II homepage at <http://www.td.dgs.ca.gov/Services/ONS/CALNETIIHomepage.htm> provides links to the RFI and its associated reference material. As it becomes available, additional information or links will be posted at this homepage. The ability to subscribe directly to the CALNET II homepage is available, and will provide automatic notification to subscribers as information is posted.

Individual telecommunications companies or strategic teams who may be interested in bidding or participating in all or a portion of CALNET II are encouraged to respond, and to go beyond the RFI borders to provide creative new ideas and information that would help the State solidify its approach and develop a blueprint for today and into the future. This RFI cannot include every question that perhaps should be asked, so we also expect information on those items that are important to you that may not have been addressed. Emailed questions regarding the process will be posted and answered on the CALNET II homepage on a flow basis.

Current and potential new CALNET **customers** are encouraged to provide feedback to the DGS/TD on critical business needs or other items that CALNET II should address. This feedback is **not** required to follow the response format requested of vendors. We consider customer input to be a valuable, integral component for consideration as the new RFP is developed.

Critical action dates are contained in Section 1 of the RFI and below. Additional general information, instructions and contacts are contained in RFI Sections 1, 2 and 6.

Action	Date
1. Release of RFI	March 8, 2004
2. Last day to submit questions	March 29, 2004
3. Submission of Interested Parties Response	April 26, 2004
4. Tentative release of RFP	December 2004
5. Estimated Bid Award	December 2005

We look forward to a variety of responses and some great ideas!

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Click here to view the [CALNET II RFI](#) document.